

SAIC Experimental CMMS

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Review of Contributions

- Mission Space Capture
 - Captured Doctrine from JP 3-56.1, Joint Air Operations Planning
- Paradigm Plus
 - Extracted Information From Data Base with Script
 - Imported Sample NSS Files
- Web Design
 - Sample User Interfaces
 - Contents of CMMS, Links to Related Information
- CMMS Concept of Operations



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Lessons Learned - Mission Space Capture

- Doctrine does not Contain a Complete Mission Space Description (Go see a Subject Matter Expert)
 - Doctrine Only Describes Portion of Mission Space
 - Capture from Doctrine Alone is Inadequate
- Keep User in Mind When Creating Complex Diagrams
 - A User Shouldn't Get Lost on a Self-Guided Tour
- Tradeoff is Between Capturing a Complex Process, Making it Simple to Navigate, Retaining Sufficient Detail to Satisfy Simulation Developer, ...



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Lessons Learned - Contributed Mission Spaces

- Contributions are not Controlled by CMMS Administrator, They are Matched to Goals of Sponsor
 - Level of Detail, Extent of Capture, Platform, Methodology, ...
- Will Mission Spaces be Merged at the “Edges”? (Who Will do This?)
- Prepare for Conflicting Authoritative Sources (Store Multiple Versions)
- No Two People Will Capture it the Same Way (Store Multiple Versions)
- Promulgated Guidelines for Mission Space Capture Will be Important to Assimilation and Management of Acquired Knowledge
- Boundary Between Simulation Independent and Simulation Dependent Capture May not be Well Defined (Request it From Developers)
- Should have Inclusive Rather than Exclusive Policy
 - (Don't spend time trimming details from submitted Mission Spaces)
- Challenge Will be to Help User Navigate Whatever has been Submitted



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3 Sample Pages from NSS Files



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Lessons Learned - User Interface

- Easy to Imagine Links/Pathways Through the Data, Harder to Create Them
- Links from UJTL to the Mission Spaces Should be Through Operations Templates
 - Sample Joint Air Operations Planning - No Direct Link to UJTL
 - Who will Create all the Required Links and Establish Relationships?
 - e.g. Organizations Related to Tasks
 - e.g. Selection from Among Multiple Entry Points into Mission Spaces
- Real Entry Point into Mission Spaces for Simulation Developer will be Through Operations Templates
 - UJTL Tasks are Context Independent, Mission Spaces Provide That Context
- Expect to Have Different Interfaces to Suit Different User Communities
 - Services Do Not Think Alike, Do Not All Speak UJTL Yet
 - When Warfighters are Acquisition Program Managers, They Need a Different Interface



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Potential List of Operations Templates

Joint Operations.

Amphibious Operations

Interdiction Operations.

Maritime Operations (Air).

Special Operations

Riverine Operations..

Military Operations Other Than War .

Ballistic Missile Defense..

Fire Support.

Rear Area Operations

Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical.

Nuclear Operations ..

C3CM in Military Operations.

Space Operations .

Barriers, Obstacles, and Mine Warfare

Integrated Strategic Defense

Theater Airlift Operations

Forcible Entry Operations

Search and Rescue.

Electronic Warfare

Airspace Control in a Combat Zone.

Psychological Operations

Operations Security

Reconnaissance, Surveillance, and Target
Acquisition Support

Tactical Command and Control .

Civil Affairs.

Operational Deception.

Meteorological and Oceanographic .



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Lessons Learned - Web Issues

- Web Technology is a Powerful Tool, But the Technology Limits Potential Approaches (Not Necessarily Bad)
 - What You Want to Achieve Is Not Always What You Will Get
 - Understanding What Happens on Client Side vs Server Side
 - Emerging Web Capabilities are Promising
- Allows Flexibility to Piece Together Solutions to Parts of the Problem
 - Some Things Java, Some CGI, Some HTML, Some Links to External Sources ...
- Good Way to Keep Community Involved
 - Products are Widely Available
 - Latest Version Always Available on Web



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Web Page Design Demonstration

- Access Designed for Both New and Experienced Users
 - Overviews and Introductory Pages
 - Browsing Access for Exploring
 - Direct Access to Core Contents
 - UJTL Tasks
 - UJTL Operations Templates
 - Warfare Operations
 - Mission Spaces Captured
 - Link to Doctrine
 - Military Organizations

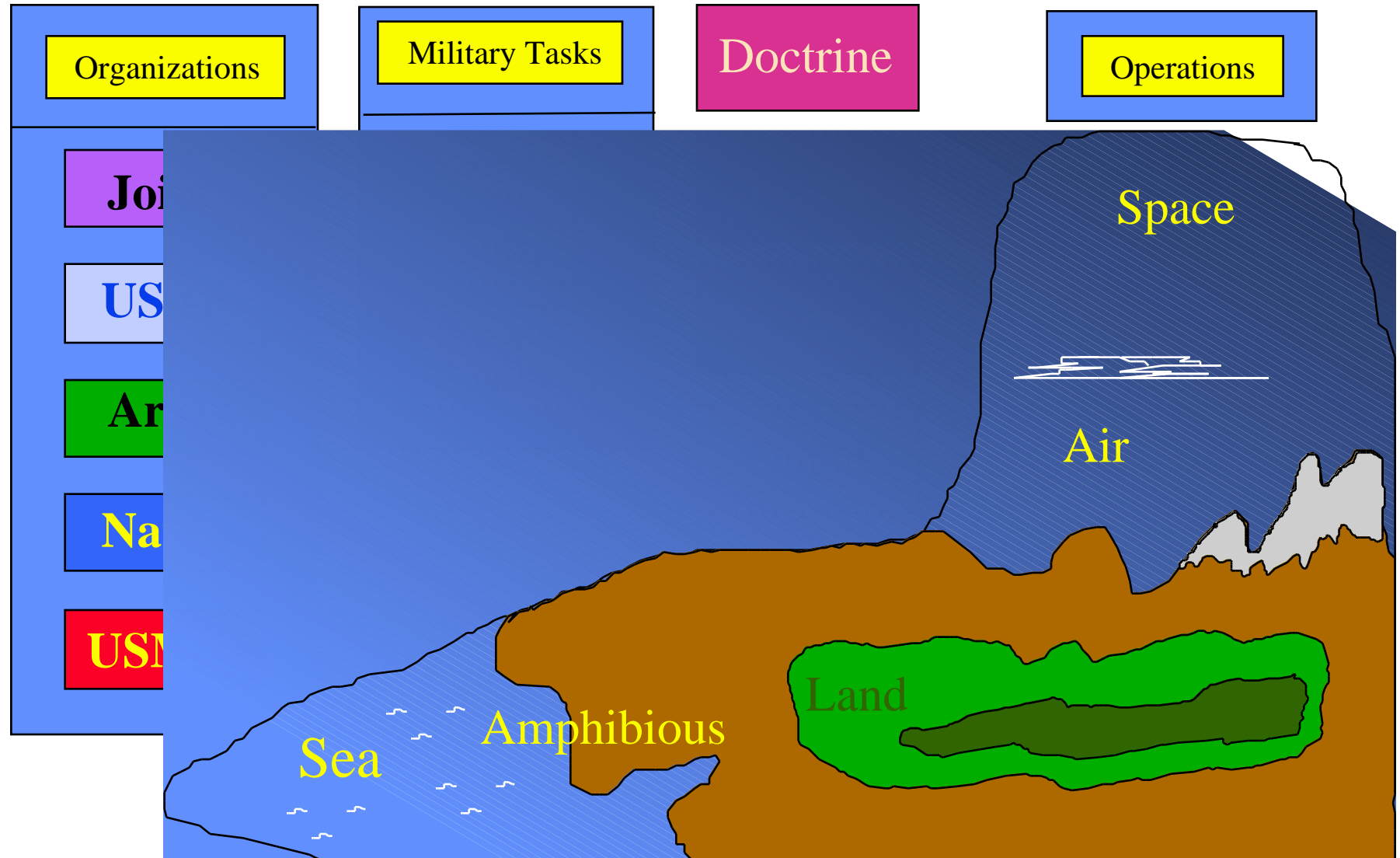


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1st Time?

The Conceptual Model of the Mission Space

A Simulation Independent Capture of the Military Operations Mission Space
to Guide Simulation Developers and Support Warfighters



Paradigm Plus Demonstration

- Joint Air Operations Planning Mission Space Captured
 - Sample Diagrams - Schlaer-Mellor Method
 - Child Diagrams Expanding Process into Sub-Elements
- Script Designed to Extract Inputs, Processes, and Outputs and List in Format Recommended in DMSO Briefing



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Lessons Learned - Paradigm Plus

- Recommended as One of the Tools for Mission Space Capture
 - Offers Several Methods, In Wide Use, Enterprise Model, ...
 - Future Versions Will Allow Remote Script Execution, Tie to OODB
- Script Suited for Extracting Data, Report Generating, and Special Purpose Translators
 - Extract data to intermediate file and then do what you want with it
- Paradigm Plus Cross-Platform Data Transfer Worked for NSS Files
 - Helps to Have Compatible Hardware
 - Developer Must Export in CDIF Format, Convert Across Platforms
- Scripting Process Can Not (Yet) Create New Diagrams (Limited to existing methodologies)
- Script Powerful, but Awkward on Large Projects
- Open Access to Data, Works as Advertised (So Far)



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Recommendations for Future Activities

- Pursue Web Sample User Interface with Potential User Community
 - Gather Comments Via e-mail or Similar System
 - Inspires Contributions of Information & Enhancements
- Describe Expectations at the Next Level of Detail
 - Describe What You Want to See When You Click on ...
 - Describe What You Want to Learn and How You Want to Use it ...
- Make Sure CMMS is not Locked into a Particular CASE Tool or Methodology
- Identify Key Dependencies and Stay Involved
 - Operations Templates, Mission Space Capture, CASE Technology, Web Technology, ...
 - Simulation Development Community (WarSim 2000, JSIMS, JWARS, NSS, NASM, STOW, ...)



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Recommendations for Future Activities

Continued

- Serve Primary Users First - Simulation Developers
 - Many Features Will Satisfy Others, They'll Understand it Was First Built for Someone Else
 - Pursue Time-Phased Implementation to Maintain Focus
- Look Beyond the Prototype
- Consider Wargaming the Process
 - Wargaming is Good for Understanding Processes
 - Helps to Appreciate the Problem at a Fundamental Level



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